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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Transmittal Letter and Petition for Extension of Time

Sir:

The Applicant claims small entity status for this application.

Petition for Extension of Time

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of October 23, 2009, to and through April 23, 2010, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three months (\$555)

Please enter the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Amendment B in response to the Final Office Action. Please charge the RCE fee of \$405 to the undersigned's credit card using the attached PTO-2038 Credit Card Authorization Form.

The Application was filed with 60 total claims and 5 independent claims. The enclosed amendment results in 52 total claims and 7 independent claims requiring claim

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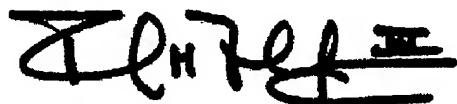
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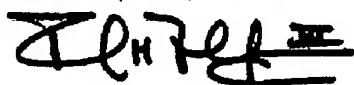
Total Additional Fee Due for this submission: \$1180.00. PTO-2038 Credit Card Authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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